

Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Representative Rahall motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4348. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H3044–49**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 112–110). **Pages H2826–27**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3022.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2844–45, H2845–46, H2846, H2846–47, H3033–34, H3034–35, H3035, H3035–36, H3036–37, H3037, H3037–38. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:32 a.m. on Friday, May 18th.

Committee Meetings

FORMULATION OF THE 2012 FARM BILL: COMMODITY PROGRAMS AND CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing entitled “Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Commodity Programs and Crop Insurance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill for FY 2013. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 4471, the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012”; and H.R. 4480, the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”. H.R. 4471 was ordered reported, without amendment and H.R. 4480 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE SETTLEMENT PRACTICES OF U.S. FINANCIAL REGULATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Settlement Practices of U.S. Financial Regulators”. Testimony was

heard from Scott Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Richard J. Osterman, Jr., Deputy General Counsel, Litigation and Resolutions Branch, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, William F. Galvin, Secretary, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

U.S. INSURANCE SECTOR: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND JOBS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “U.S. Insurance Sector: International Competitiveness and Jobs”. Testimony was heard from Michael T. McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

IRAN SANCTIONS: STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Strategy, Implementation, and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement: Challenges and Potential”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CUBA’S GLOBAL NETWORK OF TERRORISM, INTELLIGENCE, AND WARFARE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Cuba’s Global Network of Terrorism, Intelligence, and Warfare”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY: AN EXAMINATION OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Department of Homeland Security: An Examination of Ethical Standards”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General; Thomas S. Winkowski, Acting

Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; James G. Duncan, Assistant Administrator, Office of Professional Responsibility, Transportation Security Administration; and Timothy Moynihan, Assistant Director, Office of Professional Responsibility, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 2168, the “Geolocational Privacy and Surveillance Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 3039, the “Welcoming Business Travelers and Tourists to America Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from Representative Heck and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3803, the “District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3065, the “Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act”; and H.R. 3706, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representative Shuler; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Gordon Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1103, the “American Memorial Park Tinian Annex Act”; H.R. 3100, the “San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Boundary Expansion Act”; H.R. 3365, the “Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2011”; H.R. 4400, the “Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Salt Pond Visitor Center”; and S. 270, the “La Pine Land Conveyance Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canseco; Lummis; Sablan; and Walden; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Victor Knox, Associate Director for Park and Planning, Facilities and Lands, National

Park Service, Department of the Interior; Pamela Watson Bain, Chairman Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions, and a public witness.

WORKING FOR A FIRE SAFE AMERICA: EXAMINING UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Working for a Fire Safe America: Examining United States Fire Administration Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Ernest Mitchell, Jr., Administrator, United States Fire Administration; and public witnesses.

SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION THROUGH CUSTOMS TRADE MODERNIZATION, FACILITATION, AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled “Supporting Economic Growth and Job Creation Through Customs Trade Modernization, Facilitation, and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from David Aguilar, Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Timothy Skud, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax, Trade and Tariff Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

STATE TANF SPENDING AND ITS IMPACT ON WORK REQUIREMENTS

Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “State TANF Spending and Its Impact on Work Requirements”. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Carol Cartledge, Director, Economic Assistance Policy Division, North Dakota Department of Human Services; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; AND ISR REPORT

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013”; and “Committee Report: Performance Audit of Defense Intelligence Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR)”. The “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013” was ordered reported, as amended; and the “Committee Report: Performance Audit of Defense Intelligence Surveillance, and Reconnaissance” was approved.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINE'S ELECTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine's upcoming elections, focusing on political parties, civil society and domestic observers ahead of the elections, the electoral framework, as well as the broader political context, after receiving testimony from David J. Kramer, Freedom House, Stephen B. Nix, International Republican Institute, Katie Fox, National Democratic Institute, and Gavin Weise, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D346)

H.R. 298, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-107)

H.R. 1423, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-108)

H.R. 2079, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-109)

H.R. 2213, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-110)

H.R. 2244, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the "Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-111)

H.R. 2660, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-112)

H.R. 2668, to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 2136 South Naco Highway in Bisbee, Arizona, as the "Brian A. Terry Border Patrol Station". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-113)

H.R. 2767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T.

Trant Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-114)

H.R. 3004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-115)

H.R. 3246, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-116)

H.R. 3247, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-117)

H.R. 3248, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building". Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-118)

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy. Signed on May 15, 2012. (Public Law 112-119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry, hearing entitled "Formulation of the 2012 Farm Bill: Energy and Forestry Programs", 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup of Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2013, 9:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Impact of the Dodd-Frank Act: Understanding Heightened Regulatory Capital Requirements", 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terrorist Financing Since 9/11: Assessing an Evolving al Qaeda and State Sponsors of Terrorism", 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet, hearing entitled "Health Care Consolidation and Competition after PPACA", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.